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-A HAPPY, joyous Christmas to all the readers of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER!

-THE Editor will be with the good people of Dutchville on next Saturday the 29th inst., and deliver an address to the farmers.

-IT is an open secret "in cotton circles, that the crop is short. Our farmers who can afford to hold will be well paid, we think, to do so.

-As an Organ of the Alliance, the THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER yields most of its space to National Alliance matters this week, and in doing so, we necessarily exclude many other good things. Be patient friends.

-THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER force has given you a year of faithful, hard work and asks for that rest which is accorded to newspapers, that we may enjoy our holiday week. A merry, happy time to you all. Our next issue will appear on the 8th of January,

-WILL some friend in each county give us answers to the following questions: How does the acreage devoted to wheat, oats, grass and clover com pare with that of last season? Will taries. your people plant less cotton? Will they plant less tobacco? Will they give more attention to raising home bour, R. M. Honeycutt, J. H. Harris, supplies? Can you give us the names H. G. McCall. of two farmers in your county who have planted cotton or tobacco for the Wilson, R. L. Burk, J. H. Turner. past ten years and bought their farm supplies who have made money?

-Glorious "Old Zeb"—true to his great patriotic heart and true to the farmers and laboring men of his State T. S. Adams. and of the Union, is ever at his post in the Senate, and ever ready to fight for them. He is one of the few public men of this country who talks in the Senate as he talks on the hustings.

Whenever and wherever the rights and interests of the people are endangered he is always ready to champion their cause, and he does it boldly, manfully and fearlessly.

-WE note that quite a number of our exchanges credit our enterprising and able neighbor, the State Chronicle, with getting out the cut and sketch of Capt. S. B. Alexander. The Chronicle got it from THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, and with its usual spirit of candor and fairness, gave THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER due credit for it. This, our brethren, inadvertently, of course, over-looked. By the way, we frequently find our items, and even our editorials, in some of our papers without any credit at all. Brethren, this is not "toting fair" is it?

-THE Charlotte Daily Nows interviewed Capt. S. B. Alexander, as to his position on the Senatorial contest: "Give me," said the News reporter to Capt. Alexander, a statement that will define your position, for the benefit of your friends throughout the State. "Well," replied Capt. Alexander, "if the Legislature nominates me I will accept. If my friends want to press my name for the Senatorship, they can use it for that purpose. shall make no personal exertions in the matter." This seems to define Capt. need be no farther misunderstanding on that score. He is a candidate.

-THERE is much talk of "educational qualification" for voters. There are two sides to this question? Can the State consistently punish ignorance? Can it raise the child in ignorance and rob him of the ballot? Would it not be wiser to open the doors of the school house than to close the ballot box? Shall it curse them with incapacity in youth and stamp them with the badge of inferiority in manhood? Would simply an "educational qualification," give to us honest voters? If the ballot is corrupted who is more to blame for it—the intelligent, shrewd and un principled manipulator, or the poor ignorant voter whom he bribes? Should we not endeavor to preserve the integrity of the great middle-class, which is and has been through all the ages, the conservator of civil liberty? Would it not be better to make every man white or colored, rich or poor, high or low, who, by his vote helps to shape the government, help support it?

### THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE.

We present to our readers a synopsis of the proceedings of this body, which met in Meridian, Miss., on the 5th inst:

Officers present-C. W. Macune, President; L. L. Polk, First Vice-President; R. T. Love, Vice-President for Miss.; S. B. Alexander, Vice-President for N. C.; H. P. Bone, Vice-President for Ala.; Linn Tanner, Vice-President for La.; A. B. Johnson, Vice-President for Mo.; J. H. Mc-Dowell, Vice-President for Tenn.; Evan Jones Vice President for Texas pro tem; W. A. Wilson, Vice-Presi dent for Ga. pro tem; H. McRae, Vice-President for S. C. pro tem; W. M. Huey, Asst. Serg't-at-Arms; G. L. Clark Asst. Door Keeper; E. B. Warren, Secretary; A. E. Gardner, Treasurer; Ben Terrell, Lecturer; I. N. Gresham, Door Keeper; H. C. Rrown, Asst. Door Keeper; T. E. Grome, Serg't-at-Arms.

J. W. Reid, B. J. Hubbard and J C. De Loach, were appointed secre-

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Alabama-H. P. Bone, T. M. Bar-

Georgia-J. W. Beck, C. T. Zach ary, D. W. Dyal, A. F. Pope, W. A. Kentucky-J. E. Quicksall, W. S.

Louisiana-W. M. Mann, J. M. Stallings, A. Dimmick, W. R. Womack, A. T. Hatcher, T. A. Clayton,

C. Patty, G. W. Dyer, W. M. Steel, J. W. Copeland, S. D. Lee, J. C. De Loach, H. F. Simirall, F. M. Glass, D. R. Hearne, D. F. Chapman, J. H. Beaman, W. L. Mitchell, G. L. Don-

ald, G. A. Tennison, H. H. Ratliffe, T. Darden, member of committee on secret work.

North Carolina-J. F. Payne, W. M. White. South Carolina-J. W. Reid, A. C.

Lyles, H. McRae. Tennessee-J. P. Buchanan, T. B.

Harwell, J. C. Castles, W Grant. Texas-W. T. Baggett, B. J. Hubbard, H. C. Stephenson, G. L. Clark, Evan Jones, W. D. Ivey, F. M. Sellars, B. J. Kendrick, R. M. Flowers, M. G. York, W. M. Hughey, W. W. Durham, R. J. Sledge, C. M. Wilcox, T M. Smith, Harry Tracy.

Indian Territory-Charles Roberts. Missouri-M. V. B. Page. Kansas-W. P. Brush.

BASIS OF PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION.

MERIDIAN, MISS., Dec. 5, '88. To the President of the National Farm ers' Alliance and Co-operative Union of America:

We, your committee appointed to consider a plan for the consolidation of the National Agricultural Wheel and National Farmers' Alliance and Co-operative Union of America, beg leave to submit the following report:

1. We most heartily recommend the proposed consolidation of the two orders.

2. We recommend that the name of this consolidated order be National Alliance-Wheel and Co-operative Union of America.

3. We recommend that the two bodies meet in the court house in this city at 3 o'clock this evening in joint session or in committee of the whole Alexander's position clearly, and there | to be presided over by the President of the National Alliance.

4. We recommend that on all questions or matters relating to the organic laws of such consolidated body, each body shall be entitled to an equa number of votes and on all commit tees appointed to perfect such consolidation the two bodies are to have equal representation to be determined by their respective presidents.

L. L. Polk, E. M. NOLEN, G. B. PICKETT, W. H. HICKMAN, W. S. MORGAN, C. T. SMITHSON Committee.

Adopted.

A communication received from New Orleans Maritine Association, requesting this body to appoint a committee to meet a committee from them to confer about matters pertaining to the shipping interest of the South. Request granted and committee of one from each State. This committee was also instructed to consider methods of wrapping, baling and handling cotton.

Committee: Sledge, Beck, Harwell, Lyles, Clayton, Harris, Beaman, Rob erts, Payne, and Brush.

## COMMITTEES.

Constitution and Statutes—Simirall Miss.; Zachary, Ga.; Honeycutt, Ala. Kendrick, Tex.; Grant, Tenn.

Finance—Alexander, N. C.; Sledge, Beck. Texas; Glass, Miss.

Printing-E. L. Martin, Miss.; J. M. Stallings, La.; B. J. Hubbard,

Co-operation-G. L. Clark, Texas; Messrs. Castles, Lyles. Beaman and Memorials-Pickett, Tetts, Ratliff.

Crop Reports-Beck, Ga.; Honeycutt, Stone, Womack, Copeland White, Lyle, Harwell, Stephenson, Page, Brush, Roberts. Good of the Order-R. L. Burk, W

D. Ivey, J. C. Deloach.

Resolutions and Demands-Martin Payne, Mann, Durham, Brush.

National Lecturing System—Rob erts, Smith, Brush, Page, Harwell McRae, White Ratliff, Adams, Stone, Turner, McCall.

The following resolutions were in troduced by Payne, of N. C., and adopted.

WHEREAS, this organization represents a very large proportion of the farming element of the Southern States, and whereas, the subject of immigration is one of vast importance and interest to us; and whereas, in view of the approaching immigration convention to be held in the city of Montgomery, Ala., on the 12th day of December, 1888, it is deemed meet and proper that we should spread upon record some declaration of our views upon this subject; therefore be it

Resolved, That representing the land owners of the South and those interested in the tillage of her soil, we welcome to our borders and shall ever encourage, foster and promote that class of immigration which seeks to come among us and make permanent homes. Resolved, That we shall ever dis-

which proceeds on the idea "that the world owes them a living."

WHEREAS, Cotton is the chief production of the South; and whereas, manufacture at South of cotton the

fabrics is being a leading enterprise and should be sustained and encouraged; and whereas, it is believed that the manufacture of cotton bags for guano will promote the interest of our farmers; and whereas, it is believed that these cotton bags for guano will prove as serviceable and useful to the guano manufacturers and factors as the material now used and that the adoption of this covering for guano will prove of less cost to the manufacturers than the material now used; and whereas. it is to the interest of the guano manufacturer to aid and support such Southern industry; therefore

Resolved, That we recommend the adoption of cotton bags as a suitable and proper covering for guano.

Resolved, That the manufacturers of guano throughout the country, be and are hereby earnestly requested to adopt cotton bags as covering, for the guano as sold by them for the most part to the farmers of the South.

Resolved, That cotton bags be and are hereby recommend as suitable covering for all kinds of grain and ship stuffs, adopted.

By Harwell:

WHEREAS, Unrestricted immigration to this from foreign countries is fraught with danger to our institutions and is inimical to our best in-

Be it resolved by this body, that we the representatives of the order throughout the country do most emphatically urge and instruct our Senators and representatives in Congress to pass whatever laws may be neces. character of pending legislation, its sary to exclude all emigrants who can. relation to their interest and their not give proof of having been lawabiding citizens in the countries from which they immigrated, and who can not give assurance of honest purpose of becoming citizens of this country; and whereas, our organization will find its strongest safe guard in the intelligence of its members; and whereas, the education of farmers is one of its chief aims; be it

Resolved, That our best interest as a class and the future welfare of the order demand for the common schools of the country a system that will promote the practical education in them that will best qualify for the actual

duty of the farm.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by this body, the duty of which shall be to outline a system of education for farmers' children, who are limited to the common schools, to this body at its next annual meeting for its consideration and adoption if found worthy. The prime object being to secure such systems as will best develop through and promote the practical education, the progress of the age and the changed conditions of life and labor now so imperatively demanded. Referred to special committee composed of Lee, Harwell and

The committee of one from each State on the method by which the or ganic union could be perfected made the following report which was adopted:

To the National Farmers Alliance and Co-operative Union of America:

Your select committee acting under instructions beg leave to report the following resolutions, to-wit.

Resolved, That we approve the proposed constitution and by laws, this day adopted in joint session with the National Wheel and that the same be printed and transmitted with all convenient dispatch to the several States and Territorial Alliances for consoli-

Resolved, That whem as many as three fourths of said States and Territorial Alliances shall have ratified said proposed constitution and by-laws, the President of the National Alliance and Co-operative Union shall make proclamation to that effect and when concurrent action shall have been had by the National Wheel, the President this day elected by said joint session shall make proclamation providing for the organic Union of State County and Sub-Alliances and wheels respectively in accordance with such regulations as he may prescribe.

Resolved, That the present organization of the National Farmers Alliance and Co-operative Union of America be preserved intact until such proposed organic union shall have been affected

Respectfully submitted, ROBERT C. PATTY, Ch'm.

Moved that a special committee of five be appointed to formulate some plan by which better prices may be Mississippi-W. A. Boyd, Robert courage that class of immigration obtained by the producers for their cotton. Carried and committee appointed as follows: Payne, Sledge, Mitchell, Hatcher and Dyal.

Resolved, That we the members of the National Alliance now assembled

in the State of Mississippi do most earnestly instruct our representatives and senators in Congress to use all proper means to secure the passage of the law now pending before the Congress of the United States to make the commissioner of agriculture a Cabinet officer to the end that our great National industry shall have proper rep. resentation in the councils of the nation. Offered by Harwell and adopted.

SELECTION OF OFFICERS. The special order of business, that of electing officers was taken up and by acclamation the officers of the past year were re-elected, except Linn Tanner. was elected for Treasurer. The following brethren were elected Vice-Presidents for the several States, Zach Gardner, Ind. Ter.; H. McRae, Ga.:

T. S. Adams, La. The following introduction by Harwell, with the amendment by Pickett. carried.

WHEREAS, The farmers of the United States hold the balance of power and constitute the conservative element in politics and may not only shape legislation in their own interest. but weild a powerful force in withstraining the extravagance of legisla. tive bodies, if properly united and advised; therefore be it

Resolved, By this body that there should be close co-operation between them in every section, and to this end, there should be appointed by this body a committee on legislation, the duty of which shall not only be to suggest needed legislation, but also to keep before the members of the order the duties in the promise and to further promote these ends; and be it

Resolved, That there should be between the several agricultural associations of the country and Alliance offensive and defensive, that they may through their joint influence promote friendly legislation, redress wrongs and impress their rights and policies upon government as their interest may demand; therefore be it

Resolved, That this body shall appoint a committee on legislation and conference between this and other orders, or take whatever steps that may be in its judgment best calculated to accomplish the ends in view, provided, however, that all committeemen appointed to visit the law-making departments for the purpose of memoralizing, said departments, shall do so at their own expense.

The committee on constitution and

statutory law, report as follows: We, your committee on constitution and statutes, to which was referred so much of the President's address, as relates to those subjects, have instructed me to report that in view of pending movements of this body and other agricultural associations for a speedy consolidation in organic union, it is inexpedient at this time to consider any proposition of amendment, or addition to the constitution and statutes of this body. (Signed) H. F. Simrall, Chairman; R. M. Honeycutt

and C. T. Zachary. Committee on agricultural education made aeport as follows and report was adopted:

MERIDIAN, MISS., Dec. 8, '88. Your committee, to whom was referred the resolutions with reference to outlining a system of education for farmers' children confined to common schools and which shall promote a practical education in them and will qualify them for the actual duties of the farm, respectfully submit: The statistics show that in the Southern States especially and in the country districts all over the United States, that over one-half of our population are now engaged and must for a long time follow the pursuit of agriculture, that among this class only a small number are able to give to their children a collegiate education, but necessarily depend upon such instruction as is received at the common schools in the different counties, that it is therefore most important and imperatively demanded that the children represented by this large class should receive theoretical and practical instruction in the pursuit in which they must necessarily derive their support in the struggle of life. Your committee, there fore, believe it most urgeut, that in addition to those usual and common studies included in the free school curriculum, such as reading, writing and arithmetic and such further English instruction as will enable students to comprehend the current literature of the day. That elementary instruction should also be given in those branches of natural science, which should give children an insight into what is necessary to enable them to intelligently realize that they are dealing every day

with life in the growing of crops and